

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 23 and 24 have been added. No claims have been allowed.

Responsive to the Examiner's provisional double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the present patent application disclaiming the term of any patent granted on the present patent application which would extend beyond the maximum potential term of any patents granted on co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/387,829 and 10/400,360.

The Examiner rejected Claims 10-22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over, the admitted prior art described in pages 1 and 2 of the Specification of the present patent application. At Paragraph 4 on pages 1 and 2 of the present patent application, the Specification states that in some known primer systems, the primer bulb itself may serve as a check valve to seal off an internal vent passage within a carburetor such that air within a priming chamber is directed into the fuel bowl to pressurize the fuel bowl.

Applicants have amended independent Claims 10 and 20 to recite that the blocking element is separate from the primer bulb in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, and respectfully submit that independent Claims 10 and 20, as well as Claims 11-19, 21, and 22 which depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

New Claim 23 calls for a carburetor with a primer assembly, including a resilient primer bulb, and a rigid blocking element disposed within a primer chamber. New Claim 24 calls for a carburetor with a primer assembly, including a resilient primer bulb and a blocking element disposed within a primer chamber and confined by the carburetor body for sliding movement along an axis. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing arrangements called for in new Claims 23 and 24 are not taught or suggested by the discussion in the Background section of the Specification of the present patent application, and that new Claims 23 and 24 are patentable.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration is requested. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests allowance thereof.

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In the event Applicants have overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicants hereby petition therefore and authorize that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 02-0385, Baker & Daniels.

Should the Examiner have any further questions regarding any of the foregoing, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 424-8000.

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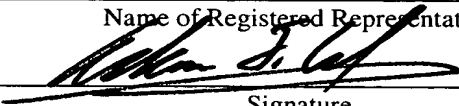
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